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Jeff Andersen

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# How KDHE, KDADS and DCF work together on KanCare

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I receive questions from state legislators quite frequently about how the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) works alongside the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) on KanCare. Here are a few charts to help explain.

### KDHE

Responsible for the administration and supervision of Kansas Medicaid programs

- Administration of programs
- Eligibility determinations
- Performance & financial oversight

Oversees, monitors and defines medical services in the State Plan

- Through Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) pays for medically necessary services outlined in the State Plan
- Sets policies governing services and minimum rates
- Licenses and regulates certain providers

### KDADS

Administers services for KanCare members receiving Title XIX long-term care benefits, behavioral health benefits, and disability benefits

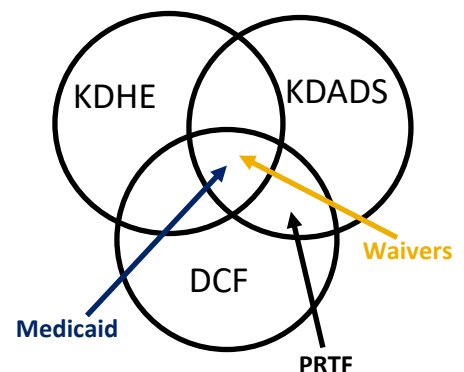
- Administers the seven 1915(c) HCBS Medicaid Waivers
- Oversees, monitors and defines services under HCBS waivers
- Manages the HCBS program waiting lists
- Licenses and regulates HCBS IDD and Adult Care Home providers

### DCF

DCF identifies children who may qualify for the SED waiver and shepherds them onto the waiver and into services

- Kansas children in foster care are deemed presumptively eligible for Medicaid
- All children who are in the custody of DCF, KDOC-JS, or a Tribal Authority and removed from their home are eligible for Foster Care Medicaid
- If a child is in custody, but remains in their home, they are not presumed eligible for Foster Care Medicaid

### KDHE / KDADS / DCF Shared Responsibilities



For a more detailed explanation [click here](#).

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## Division of Public Health

### **Newborn Screening Program (NBS)**

- The Newborn Screening Program (NBS) formally added Critical Congenital Heart Defect (CCHD) screening to the KS panel.
- CCHDs account for up to 30% of infant deaths due to birth defects.

### **Health facilities**

- CMS has awarded a contract to HMS to conduct the initial certification survey for new dialysis clinics.
- These surveys are to be completed within the current FFY ending Sept. 30, 2018.

### **Death certificate availability**

- The Legislature supported a provision sponsored by funeral directors that facilitates more rapid filing of death certificates by requiring physicians to use electronic reporting to certify causes of death.
- This provision has resulted in a significant decrease in the number of days it takes for a death certificate to be available to issue to families.

### **Governor's Task Force**

- Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Greg Lakin was appointed to chair the Governor's Task Force to Address Substance Abuse Disorders, particularly addiction to opioids.

## Division of Environment

### **New KDHE Director of Environment**

- Leo Henning has been named the new KDHE Director of Environment.

### **Gov's Solid Waste Grant Advisory Committee**

- Committee recommendations for awards to the secretary of KDHE will include 24 grants totaling \$404,000.
- The grant recommendation packet will be assembled by the Bureau of Waste Management for delivery through the concurrence process.

### **Nitrate latent water**

- Bureau of Water spoke with the City of Lawrence regarding the long range plan to address the nitrate latent water from the old Farmland COOP.
- The City reported an RFP has closed which provides the city bids to complete a scope of work, including alternatives analysis, for a long term plan.

### **Rush Co. Cleanup**

- KDHE NW Dist Office staff completed oversight cleanup of 317 tons of contaminated soil at 4 illegal crude oil/brine water dump sites in Rush Co.

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## Division of Health Care Finance

### **State Employee Health Plan**

- The State Employee Health Plan has seen at least an 11% decrease in the following condition categories over the last 5 years: Colon cancer; lung cancer; breast cancer; cerebrovascular disease; congestive heart failure; coronary artery disease; hypertension; osteoarthritis; spinal/back disorders.
- The plan actuary attributes part of this reduction to the HealthQuest program and the plan emphasis on preventive care for early detection.

### **Biometric health screening**

- The free health screening provides employees with basic biometric information about their health
- During 2017 there were 237 onsite screening events in 75 different cities

- 19K individuals were screened & received information including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, blood pressure, BMI, triglycerides & glucose
- 678 individuals were immediately referred to a physician for values at elevated levels for blood pressure, glucose or both.

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